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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

ENTIRE WALK IS HIS

NEGRO SOLDIER HURLS WHITE WOMAN TO GUTTER.

Member of Regiment Involved in Brownsville Affair Likely Would Have Been Lynched If Caught—Victim is Wife of El Reno Physician.

Race feeling is at white heat and threats of lynching are heard on every hand as a result of an assault committed on Mrs. T. S. Clifford, wife of a prominent physician of El Reno, Okla., Thursday afternoon by a negro of the Twenty-fifth Infantry.

Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs. S. H. Clarke, were attempting to pass the soldier when he viciously grabbed Mrs. Clifford around the waist and threw her into the street, exclaiming that the sidewalk belonged to him.

Mrs. Clifford screamed for assistance, but the assailant escaped before help arrived.

News of the attack spread rapidly and the entire police department, reinforced by several hundred men and boys, searched the town and surrounding country, but Thursday evening the chase was given up. The negro was in uniform and must return to the post or become a deserter.

Word was sent to Fort Reno and all absentees noted. Both Mrs. Clifford and her sister are positive they can identify the man and will go to Fort Reno and attempt to pick him from the soldiers who were out of the post when the assault occurred.

THOUSANDS MAY PERISH.

Ten Million Chinese Are Facing Starvation.

A Victoria, B. C., dispatch says: China has decided to appeal to Europe and America for \$1,250,000 for the relief of the famine sufferers in central China, where 10,000,000 Chinese are faced with starvation this winter, according to advices from the orient. People, maddened by hunger, are reported to be pillaging the yamens of officials. A foreigner who has reached Shanghai from the famine stricken district says men and women naked excepting a few rags around their loins, are seen by the roadsides starving, with naked children at their breasts.

The famine threatens to equal the appalling one thirty years ago which devastated and destroyed hundreds of thousands of people. From one point the outlook is worse than then, as the district is now more thickly populated.

TERRIER'S BITE FATAL.

A New York Woman Dies of Hydrophobia After Short Illness.

Mrs. Charles Weeks, aged 60, of New Rochelle, N. Y., died at her home from hydrophobia Thursday. She was bitten three weeks ago by a small fox terrier that her husband found in the street. On the day it bit her she was playing with it. The dog exhibited no signs of rabies, and not of the family thought anything of the incident. A few days ago Mrs. Weeks was taken ill, and from the first exhibited symptoms of rabies.

BRITISH TOWNS SNOWBOUND.

A blizzard which commenced Christmas night continued throughout Great Britain Thursday. The country districts in the most northern parts of the country are snowbound, trains are blocked, roads are impassable and rural villages are temporarily cut off from communication with each other. A number of deaths have been reported in the bleak Scottish hills.

Declare Strike Broken.

The Southern Pacific officials at El Paso, Tex., Thursday declared the firemen's strike virtually broken. They say all trains are arriving practically on time, and freight is being accepted as usual. The firemen, through Joseph Bedford, grievance chairman of that district, declare they will tie up the Harriman and connecting systems completely.

One Killed in Collision.

In a collision between a Big Four engine and an interurban car at Danville, Ill., Thursday, Charles Burnett, of Mattoon, was killed and Conductor Garver, of the traction car, seriously injured; Robert Tingler, a St. Louis passenger, received fatal injuries and Elijah Watkins, of Pithian, was painfully hurt.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$5.45. Top hogs, \$6.20.

Bank Teller to Prison.

William C. Anderson, former assistant paying teller in the First National bank of Kansas City, pleaded guilty Thursday to the embezzlement of \$9,000 of the bank's funds and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

More Pay for Firemen.

Beginning Jan. 1, the pay of all firemen on the Big Four system will be increased on an average of 7.77 per cent.

FROWNS FOR IRELAND.

Archbishop's Sermon in Disfavor at Vatican.

The local press of Rome has published the summary which appeared in the Paris Matin of the statement issued by Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, on the Franco-Vatican conflict. This summary has not found favor with the Vatican authorities, as it blames the French clergy, who are praised by the pope. The Observateur Romano says this summary should be accepted with reserve as coming from an infected source, and explains that the correspondent of the Matin in New York may have misunderstood the archbishop.

In spite of the denials of the French government that it has made any reply regarding the Vatican's protest to the powers on the subject of expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnini, until recently secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris, the Vatican has been positively informed that M. Pichon, the minister of foreign affairs for France, has made verbal statements in answer to this protest to several diplomatic representatives at Paris and that he telegraphed the minister's communication to their respective governments.

According to the Vatican's authority M. Pichon said that Mgr. Montagnini had no diplomatic standing; that the papers sequestered at the nunciature were unimportant, the important documents having been removed previously, and as the French government had not allowed the papal nuncio to correspond with the French bishops, much less could it permit Mgr. Montagnini to do so.

The Vatican now declares with authority that the statement that documents were removed from the nunciature before that building was searched is unfounded and calculated to deceive, and avers that it did not emanate from the Vatican, but from the French government.

SUBWAY FOR SPOKANE.

Franchise to Be Asked for Million Dollar Project.

Spokane is to have a million dollar subway, one mile in length, to connect the passenger and freight terminals of the Spokane and Inland Empire Railway company, for which a franchise will be asked at the next meeting of the city council. In making the official announcement Jay P. Graves, president of the company, which has 150 miles of electric line in its system in eastern Washington and Idaho, said it is proposed to build a line to Nine Mile Bridge, where work is progressing on a \$900,000 power house, and another to the granite quarries on the Little Spokane river, making in all 200 miles of line. The subway will be 32 feet deep, 38 feet wide, the crown being 4 feet below the surface of the street, the company asking the right of way to operate either steam or electric trains over double tracks. The last named clause is looked upon by prominent railroad men to mean that traffic arrangements will be made with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway to give it entrance to Spokane for the latter's main line at Tekoa, Wash. Mr. Graves announces also the subway, which is to be in the heart of the business district, will be in operation in two years, work beginning ten days after the granting of the franchise.

SHE MUST PAY FOR JEWELS.

Mrs. Gould Held Jointly Liable for Gems Purchased.

Three remaining suits by Paris creditors, with the object of making Madame Gould (formerly Countess Bon de Castellane) jointly responsible with the count for certain claims, were decided Wednesday. The court found that she was in no way responsible for the claims of M. Zeligler, one of the largest creditors, who claimed it had been the practice of the Castellanes ever since the marriage to appeal to him to extricate them from financial difficulties; but held her jointly liable for jewels valued at \$24,000, purchased from Mlle. Nimidoff, of Odessa, who sold the jewels to the count through an intermediary jeweler.

The court also found Madame Gould jointly responsible for the sum of \$57,000, the balance due to the Harlots for a jewelry bill amounting to about \$137,000, provided the bill was not paid. Three experts were appointed to appraise the value of the jewelry.

Killed in Dough Mixer.

Falling into a sponge mixer full of dough, which he was feeding Wednesday, H. D. Vankirk, of Columbus, O., whirled round and round until every bone in his body was crushed before the machine was stopped and his body was extricated.

Called to Washington for Conference.

United States Attorney Robert T. Devlin, of San Francisco, has gone to Washington in response to a telegram from Attorney General Bonaparte, who summoned him there for consultation, presumably in connection with the Japanese question.

Traveler Drops Bomb.

An unknown traveler dropped a bomb in the railway station at Khar'kov, Russia, Wednesday upon alighting from an incoming train. Two passengers were killed and many wounded by the explosion.

Three Persons Asphyxiated.

James Harris, his wife, 13-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter were asphyxiated by natural gas which escaped from a stove in their home in Niagara Falls, Ont., Wednesday night.

IN APPEAL TO ROOT.

Pierpont Morgan and Others Would Proclaim Leopold.

A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of New York was addressed to Secretary of State Elihu Root Tuesday, directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State, where, it is asserted, flagrant inhumanity exists, and urging him on behalf of the American people to use the "moral support" of the United States government to correct the abuses the Congo natives are alleged to be suffering from.

The communication is as follows: "Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign, the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

"1. The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many natives on whom it falls have little, if any freedom.

"2. Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically pensioners within their own territory.

"3. The employment, under authority of the government, of sentries of cruel, brutish blacks, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established.

"4. The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies.

"5. That the binding of little children to years of labor at uncertain wages by contracts they do not understand, and even more serious maltreatment of children seriously under the immediate care of the government.

"6. Great injustice in the administration of the courts, so that the natives dread the name of Boma, the place where the judicial system is centralized.

"7. The sending out of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace and order, but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman.

"It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission which was appointed by the chief executive of the government to investigate and report on the facts."

STRATTON CONTEST ENDS.

Millions Become Available for Use of Charity.

The executors of the estate of Winfield Scott Stratton at Colorado Springs, Colo., announce that a final closing report will be made early in 1907, when work will begin immediately on the \$1,000,000 Myra Stratton Home for the Poor.

Stratton died four years ago, but settlement has been delayed by litigation. The total involved in suits aggregated \$52,000,000, although the estate is appraised by the court at \$6,000,000. Nearly all these suits have been dismissed or disbanded excepting that of the state of Colorado for \$358,000 inheritance tax. Contention is over the interest only.

The executors are Dr. D. H. Rice and Carl Chamberlain, of Colorado Springs, and Tyson S. Dines, of Denver. They are also trustees of the Buildings costing \$1,000,000 will be built, and the rest of the bequest, between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, will become an endowment. The home will probably be erected in Stratton's Park, near Cheyenne canyon, in Colorado Springs' suburbs.

MACKLIN OUT OF DANGER.

Physician Says There is No Doubt of Captain's Recovery.

Capt. Edgar Macklin, of Fort Reno, Okla., continued to improve Tuesday, and his physician stated positively that the patient would recover.

The search for the negro assailant of Macklin is being continued, but with no apparent success. The murder theory has been discarded and the officers are now convinced that the intent was robbery. There was some excitement during the day when it was reported that a negro suspect had been arrested, but it proved that the man had been taken for stealing cotton.

Lived Seventy-Seven Years in Asylum.

Having cost the state over \$10,000, Lucy Darby is dead at the asylum at Hopkinsville, Ky., aged 77. She was born in the Lexington asylum, her mother being a patient, and lived there until she was transferred here there until she was transferred here to Hopkinsville when 25 years old.

Col. Waterson to Go to Egypt.

Henry Waterson and Mrs. Waterson, of Louisville, Ky., have arrived at Barcelona, Spain, and will remain in that city a month, after which they will go to Egypt.

Discharged from Russian Army.

Lieut. Gen. Subbotkin, ex-governor general of Turkestan, has by an imperial order been discharged from the army in further punishment for all around laxness displayed by him as governor general of Turkestan, for which he was removed Oct. 29.

Minneapolis Man Commits Suicide.

Despondent because of the death of his wife a year ago, Frederick Medjo, a well-to-do contractor, of Minneapolis, Minn., hanged himself early Tuesday.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN CONDENSED FORM.

Suburban Saloon Held Up—Proprietor Beaten Over the Head When He Offered Some Resistance—Robber Makes His Escape.

Using a revolver to enforce his commands, a young man, alone and unmasked, held up and robbed the proprietor and two others in August Wolf's saloon, about one mile west of Dundas on the Dodge street road, near Omaha, early Friday evening. Wolf was badly beaten on the head with the revolver when he failed to submit properly, later becoming unconscious from the injuries, and Martin Tibke, one of the other victims, was shot at when he tried to make a sly exit. When the lone highwayman had secured all the money and valuables in sight, amounting to \$52.55 in money, a certified check for \$9.50 and a watch, he made his escape and no trace of him has been found.

The bold holdup occurred about 6:30 o'clock. Wolf, the proprietor, and Tibke, a farmer living not far away, and a third man, whose name has not been learned, were in the saloon. Wolf lives in the building with his wife and family, the saloon taking up one room of the residence. The family was at home as usual, but no alarm was spread.

The nerve of the robber, who is described as being 25 years old and smooth faced, came near falling him at the critical moment is apparent from the fact that he entered the saloon shortly before 6 o'clock, ordered a drink for himself and then went out again. In a few minutes he re-entered, ordered another drink, which he took alone, and again passed out the door. It was not until his third entrance that he made any move to commit a crime.

After the command to throw up hands had been given the robber fired a shot to check Tibke in an attempt to escape, but no one was struck. Later when Wolf offered resistance, the intruder pounded him severely on the head, inflicting a number of severe bruises. The third man made no move and no attempt was made to injure him.

DIAMONDS IN THE WASIL.

Fremont Woman Sends Clothes to Laundry, Together with Jewels.

One of the girls in the employ of a Fremont laundry was surprised while ironing a union suit to find a diamond brooch and three diamond rings attached to it near the waist.

The suit had gone through the washing machine and the wringer and dryer, without the gems being discovered and the setting washed but little worse for wear on account of their rough usage.

They belonged to the wife of a wealthy business man of Fremont and their value is estimated at \$1,500. The woman had fastened them to her underclothes as being keeping and had forgotten them until the proprietor of the laundry told her that he had them.

Young Man Shoots at Constable.

Charles Bolen, son of Representative J. M. Bolen, of Ulisses, was arrested at Ulisses Thursday evening for shooting at Constable Piglow, the shot just going through his coat. Sheriff West was at once notified and Friday morning went down and brought Mr. Bolen to David City to answer the charge of shooting with intent to kill, to which he pleaded not guilty. His preliminary hearing was set for Friday, Dec. 28, and he was placed under \$100 bond to appear at that time, which he furnished.

Hypnotist Sued.

Jessie Wiles, agent for the Pacific Express company at Columbus, has filed a petition in the district court claiming damages from Oliver B. Griffith to the amount of \$1,500. Mr. Griffith gave hypnotic performance last week and Wiles, at his request, went on the stage and did almost every kind of fool things while hypnotized by Griffith. Wiles now says he received permanent injuries.

Stacked Hay Burns.

Twenty-two stacks of hay belonging to Al Tift, on land near North Platte, was burned Wednesday. The tonnage destroyed was in the neighborhood of 150, and the total loss will amount to over \$1,000. The exact origin of the fire is unknown, but it is presumed to have been started by two boys who were seen going in that direction for the purpose of hunting.

New Electric Line.

The report is that the electric railway from Omaha, to run in a south-westerly direction to Arborville, has the right of way purchased out and has purchased considerable right of way. It looks very much as if the electric railway will be built. York, on the south, hopes to have the company build to York.

Hit by President's Order.

About forty people from Fremont and vicinity are taking considerable interest in the coal land question in Wyoming, for each of them gave \$100 and a power of attorney to a very smooth promoter by the name of Griffith to locate a quarter section of coal or oil land in Carbon county, Wyoming.

Nine Horses Burn.

The lively barn at Waterbury owned by James Brenlin burned Thursday. Nine head of horses were burned to death. The barn was a total loss and there was no insurance on the property. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Engineer Tied Drops Dead.

Andrew Teal, one of the oldest and best known Northwestern engineers, who had been in the service for many years, dropped dead from heart failure at Norfolk.

IN EXCITING "ROUGH HOUSE."

Lincoln Salvation Army Leader Hits Leading Educator.

After an exciting "rough house" at the Salvation army headquarters in Lincoln Christmas morning both Secretary C. E. Prevey, of the charity organization, and Capt. Kindler, of the Salvation army, were arrested and released on bail. Prevey got two black eyes and a contusion badly disfigured. He called at the army headquarters with two friends to disprove an assertion of Kindler and is said to have opened the excitement by calling the latter a liar. Prevey says Kindler did the battering. However, the captain alleges that an applicant for charity interfered and did the knocking.

The row is supposed to have resulted from the scathing letter of Dr. Andrews, of the state university, who denounced the army as a fake. Prevey is a member of the state university faculty.

When the row started Kindler was directing the giving away of the Christmas baskets.

PAUPER INHERITS FORTUNE.

Patrick Mulligan, Inmate of Poorhouse, Heir to Brother's Estate.

Patrick Mulligan, for four years an inmate of the Douglas county poorhouse, has been found to be one of the heirs to a large estate left him by the death of his brother, Andrew Mulligan, at San Francisco about a year ago. Mulligan is nearly 80 years of age and refuses to believe in his good fortune until tangible evidence is given him, and in the meantime is satisfied to remain a charge on the county.

An Omaha law firm succeeded in finding Patrick Mulligan at the poorhouse a few days ago. He had not heard from his wealthy brother, or, in fact, any of his family, for years, and supposed they were all dead. He was of his good fortune caused him the greatest surprise, but he said he would hold his job at the poor farm until he saw the actual color of the money to which he is supposed to be an heir.

SERIOUS COLLISION.

Eleven Trainmen Hurt and Five Cars Damaged at Sidney.

A rather serious collision occurred in the Sidney yards a few days ago. Eleven trainmen were more or less severely injured and five cabooses damaged. The cabooses were occupied by the trainmen and were being switched in the west end of the yard. The air on train No. 9 refused to work and the train ran past the depot and hit the cabooses on the side, causing two of them to turn over, and damaging the others.

The injured were Conductors Dick Williams and Arch Howard, and brakemen Le Roy Morris, Nelson, Alfred and Garrison. Williams and Howard were the most severely injured.

ROAD MUST NOT SEIZE COAL.

Burlington is Restrained by Federal Court.

The Burlington railroad is accused of causing a famine in northwestern Nebraska by confiscating all coal shipped over its lines, in a petition for injunction filed in the federal court at Omaha Monday morning.

The petition was filed by J. E. Woodward & Co., coal miners, of Dietz, Wyo., and an injunction was asked restraining the Burlington from seizing coal destined to private parties.

House Burned at North Platte.

Will Swigart's house was burned at North Platte. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp, which Mr. Swigart had refilled, and after lighting it, he stepped into another room for a pair of scissors with which to trim the wick. Upon returning, he found the oil in the lamp had caught fire and a few seconds later exploded, setting fire to the entire room. Mr. Swigart's wife and children were still in bed and Mr. Swigart had just time enough to get them out of the house when the whole interior was in a blaze and none of their clothing or furniture could be saved.

Child Rescued from Shame.

A girl only 16 years of age, who gave her name as Madeline Brown, was taken from a house of ill repute at Omaha and placed for safe keeping in the matron's department at the city jail. The girl's real name is known and her father is employed in Omaha and is highly respected.

Stock Buyer Sues Railroad.

J. T. Gore, a stock buyer at Liberty, instituted a damage suit at Beatrice for \$2,000 against the Burlington company for delay in making a shipment of cattle from Denver to Chicago. Plaintiff alleges he lost heavily because the stock failed to arrive in Chicago in a reasonable length of time.

Missing Boy Located.

George Frederick, a boy about 19 years old, who mysteriously disappeared from his home near Beatrice several months ago, has been located at Lincoln by his father. He is employed as driver for a transfer company and offers no explanation for leaving home.

Carnegie Library for Tecumseh.

The Tecumseh city council has passed a resolution, and placed the same upon record, pledging the council to meet annually the \$600 required by Andrew Carnegie for the maintenance of the proposed new library building.

Dam Gives Way.

The dam went out at Sweeney lake, in the Elbe, and it is now doubtful whether it will be possible to put up a dam to supply the people of Blue Hill. The ice put up at Blue Hill was also shipped to different towns near by. Men were put to work at once to repair the dam.

Must Go to School.

The names of 150 children who have not attended school are in possession of the chief of police at Columbus, and the law will be enforced.



Illustration of a man in a suit, possibly a politician or official, standing and speaking.

William Campion, in jail at Seaward for child abandonment, who was pardoned recently by Gov. Mickey after conviction on a paternity charge, was again pardoned Monday afternoon by the governor and the pardon is broad enough to cover two charges and any order to the contrary which may be issued by the judge of the district court. The sheriff of the county refused to recognize the right of the governor to issue the pardon in this case and attorneys for Campion secured a writ of habeas corpus from Judge Letton returning Jan. 2, and a prisoner has been released under \$1,000 bond. The woman in the case has married since Campion was sent to jail. He strenuously denied his responsibility. Campion has been in jail for over thirteen months rather than give bond, though he would pay a judgment of \$1,000 secured against him on a paternity charge. The matter was finally taken before the governor, who after reviewing the evidence, ordered the man's release. The county authorities doubted the right of the governor to pardon in a semi-civil case and he was then arrested and convicted on a charge of abandoning the child. A hearing was held on this Monday and the governor issued his second pardon to the man.

The superintendent of the institute for feeble minded youth, makes a showing in his report to the governor that is not only interesting, as to amount of valuable crop production, but demonstrates what the possibilities are for making even the unfortunate at the institution self-supporting, as all of the field crops were raised by the inmates with the assistance of one farmer. The report shows that of field crops there were grown 533 bushels of wheat, 118 bushels of rye, 940 bushels of oats, 2,000 bushels of corn, 25 tons of cane, 30 tons of alfalfa, 1,900 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of sweet corn, 500 bushels of tomatoes and 200 bushels of onions. Besides these there was grown a large lot of garden vegetables, including 400 bushels of turnips, 150 bushels of peas, 5,000 heads of cabbage, 200 heads of cauliflower, also peppers, parsley, beans, cucumbers, lettuce, egg plants, pumpkins, squashes, and many of the smaller varieties of garden vegetables, aggregating in the whole at market value \$7,641.35.

The annual report of the treasurer of the university athletic board shows the total receipts for the year were \$17,689.50 and the expenditures \$15,286.27, leaving a balance of \$2,403.23. The largest single item of the receipts was Nebraska's share of the proceeds of the Chicago football game, \$3,280.25. The largest item of expenses was that of guarantee and percentages to visiting teams, \$3,695.88. The following is a summary of the report: Receipts from football, \$14,255.70; expenditures, \$10,713.16; balance, \$3,542.54; receipts from baseball, \$2,079.50; expenditures, \$1,830.63; balance, \$248.87; basket ball receipts, \$726.25; expenditures, \$771.81; deficit, \$45.56; track athletic receipts, \$274.55; expenditures, \$407.94; deficit, \$222.49; cost of sending cross country team to Chicago, \$138.15.

Jesse T. Trennery, of Pawnee City, former president of the Nebraska Bankers' association, was in Lincoln on business and expressed himself regarding legislation which he considers should be enacted this winter. "A law should be enacted whereby trust companies could be organized with power to administer estates," said Mr. Trennery. "I would not favor a law which allowed these companies to do a banking business, but every one has a right to have permanent body to administer an estate. When one man is appointed administrator at his death the estate is placed in jeopardy, while if the estate is administered by a company it is a perpetual body and large sums of money would be saved to estate holders. I would like to see the enforcement of the present law."

The report of State Superintendent McBrien show the total resources of all the school districts in the state at the close of the school year July 9, 1906, amounted to \$6,485,464.70, while the expenditures for the school year amounted to \$5,452,389.95. The number of school children in the state between the ages of 5 and 21 years was 372,829.

RAILROADS EARN \$2,319,760,000.

Interstate Commission's Report Covers 220,026 Miles.

A preliminary report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the income account of the railways of the United States for the year ended June 30 last, contains returns from companies operating 220,026 miles of lines, or about 99 per cent of the mileage that will be covered in the final report.

The total gross earnings of the roads were \$2,319,760,000, being equivalent to \$10.543 per mile. Passenger earnings were \$618,555,934, or \$2.811 per mile, and freight earnings \$1,640,942,962, or \$7.458 per mile. Operating expenses were \$1,582,163,153, or \$6.963 per mile. The net earnings of the roads were \$787,597,877, being \$3.580 per mile, and nearly \$97,000,000 more than the corresponding amount reported for the previous year. Income from other sources than those of operation aggregated \$132,624,982. The dividends paid amounted to \$229,406,598 and taxes \$38,903,288.

Sparks from the Wires.

Five leading coal and wood dealers of Danville, Va., were indicted for forming an unlawful combination.

Secretary of War Taft was elected president of the American National Red Cross at its annual meeting in Washington.

Committees of the National Alliance of Billposters and Billers will visit the circus managers and ask for new contracts with higher wages.

The retail dry goods establishment of Burden, Smith & Co. at Macon, Ga., was burned with a loss of \$225,000 and estimated insurance of \$125,000.

The dreaded San Jose scale has been discovered in several fruit orchards in Massachusetts. This pest does great damage to fruit trees and shrubbery.

Julius Salvator, 35 years old, a New York saloonkeeper, was shot and instantly killed in his home in an east side tenement by an unknown assassin.

Engineers on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad have accepted a scale of wages submitted by the company and the dispute is ended. The increase in wages is from 15 to 35 cents a day.

George Miller and his wife, an aged couple in the service of Dr. F. X. Straesley, 621 Washington street, Allegheny, Pa., were found in a room over the physician's stable, having been asphyxiated by natural gas which escaped from the stove while they were sleeping.